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INFORMATIONAL LETTER #2005-4

DATE: May 19, 2005

TO: ALL SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES/NURSING FACILITIES (SNF/NFS)

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FROM: DEBBY RANSOM, R.N., R.H.I.T., Chief

Bureau of Facility Standards

SUBJECT: SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION LETTER #05-23—NURSING HOMES

—EFFECTIVE DATE FOR REVISION OF F315 AND F316,

SURVEYOR GUIDANCE FOR INCONTINENCE AND CATHETERS

Enclosed is a copy of CMS Survey and Certification Letter #05-23 to all SNF/NFs regarding the revision of F315 and F316, Surveyor guidance for incontinence and catheters effective date of June 27, 2005.

The "Advance Copy" of the regulatory requirement and interpretive guidance can be found under Informational Letter #2005-4 on our Bureau Web site at www.facilitystandards.idaho.gov and then click on "Informational Letters" under "Care Facility/Safety" on the left side of the screen. Or the direct web site address is: http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/site/3544/default.aspx

If you have any questions about the enclosed letter, please contact Loretta Todd or Lorene Kayser in our offices at 208/334-6626.

[original signed by Debby Ransom & on file at the Bureau of Facility Standards]

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Enclosure

c: Idaho Health Care Association